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Preface.

We have been induced to publish the following Guide to Tientsin, owing to frequent requests to do so. Visitors to Tientsin are invariably agreeably surprised, to find the town so much bigger, and more important than is generally believed, and that it is *not*, as has been commonly supposed, *a mere rest station for intending visitors to the Capital.* As will be learned by a perusal of the following modest work, our town has many points of interest to visitors.

Our readers will observe a map, of the Foreign Concessions and the Chinese City, showing the position of the allied troops on the 13th July, 1900, when capturing the native city. Tientsin Native City is particularly worth visiting as it is run on lines showing a liberal appreciation of foreign methods, which is not to be found in any other Chinese town. These foreign innovations were started by the International Government which took over the charge of the city after the operations in 1900, under the style of "The Tientsin Provisional Government. The work this excellent body did, has been carried on unabated, by that enlightened official, H.E. Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai, who is the head official of this province.

Introduction

The foreign settlements of Tientsin, called by the Chinese Tze-chu-lin are situated on both banks of the Peiho river, immediately South of the native city.

The settlements can be approached from Tongku by rail, or by the river. The former is most generally used as it is quicker and steamers are often delayed some hours at Taku, lightering. For those, however, with whom time is not of paramount importance, the trip up river is the more interesting way of reaching the settlements. It affords an opportunity of inspecting the Haiho Conservancy's Works on the river banks. For many years Tientsin was unapproachable by the water way, owing to the silting up of the river, and the port was in danger of losing its position as a trading centre. Certain leading citizens, however, took the matter up energetically and the river was thoroughly dredged and a passage way formed. This was only a preliminary start of work, which has to be carried out on a gigantic scale. The dredging is now continually being carried on. The Peiho river in its natural course, takes a very zig zag or corkscrew course. The Haiho Conservancy have made three cuttings, and this has effected a considerable shortage in the journey from Taku and also been the means of obtaining a denser volume of water in the river's

bed. To cover this the British Municipal Council issued loans amounting to 550,000 Taels which are borne by the ratepayers of the settlements with the assistance of the shipping companies who pay somewhat heavy wharfage dues.

Another difficulty which has arisen, is that of the silting up of the bar outside Taku. During 1906 this question was taken up and a loan of Taels 450,000 voted for the removal of the obstruction. The work is at the time of writing under consideration of the Haiho Conservancy.

Of the first mentioned loans the first issued was in 1902 for Taels 250,000 at 7% and the second in 1903-4 for Taels 300,000 at the same rate of interest. These loans are to be refunded by 1928. The loan for the Bar improvement was fully taken up. The fact that the bonds for these loans are all quoted above par is sufficient indication of the confidence residents feel in the future prosperity of Tientsin.

The interest of the visitor having been called to this big local undertaking it behoves us to point out other objects of interest on the trip up river. Shortly after passing through the third of these cuttings *on the way up from Tongku,* the observant passenger will notice on the right bank of the river a large fenced-in compound, in which is stored

in heaps covered with matting, a large quantity of salt. This is a government monopoly and one of the principle sources of revenue. It will be noticed that they are guarded by soldiers. The junks lying alongside the bank are salt junks.

The next object of interest and on the opposite bank, is the old match factory. This was formerly occupied by the German cavalry, but after the reduction of their forces, which took place in 1906, this property which is in Chinese territory, was handed back to the Chinese officials and it is now used as an outpost for the native river police, who are, it is interesting to learn, trained on Western methods. Near to this place will be seen the offices and workshops of the Haiho Conservancy.

The foreign concessions are next approached, all of which, with the exception of the British, German and French have been acquired since the troubles of 1900. The British German and French at that time securing extra concessions in the rear of the old concessions.

The Belgian Concession

is situated on the right bank and is the first reached coming up river. At the time of writing it does not show much sign of development. At



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ENTRANCE HALL.

present there are only one or two godowns erected besides the flagstaff from which the national emblem is flown.

The Russian Concession.

adjoins the above one and is specially noted for being the prettiest spot in Tientsin, containing many trees and shady places very much appreciated in the summer months. The chief building of note is the Russian Consulate which is a very handsome structure. An imposing monument has been erected to the memory of the Russian soldiers who fell during the defense of Tientsin in 1900. Municipal offices have been recently erected near the Railway Station, but the rest of the buildings are of an unpretentious and unimportant character. The railway station is in this concession.

The German Concession.

is on the opposite and more important side of the river. This concession has developed at a remarkable rate and has a nice broad Bund. The buildings are mostly of the residential sort, the settlement being laid out to encourage such erections, there being wide roads and avenues. The most important buildings are the German Consulate and the new German Club "Concordia." At the top of

Wilhelm Strasse, the main thoroughfare, there has been erected a magnificent bronze statue of "Roland" in memory of the German Soldiers who fell in 1900. A Municipality was formed in 1906 and the affairs of the Concession are in good hands. The streets are all lighted by electricity.

The big building facing the Peiho river at present occupied by the German Military, was before 1900 the Chinese University.

The British Concession.

adjoins the German and is the most important section, containing as it does all the principle Hongs, Stores, Banks and the *Astor House Hotel.*

The chief structure is the Gordon Hall situated in Victoria Road, which is the main thoroughfare, and is named after General Gordon who drew up the plans for this settlement at the time of the Taiping-Rebellion. In the building are the Municipal offices, a well furnished public subscription library, and a large entertainment hall. This is used for social functions, balls and theatrical entertainments. So far Tientsin has not been visited by good professional Companies, though third rate companies have done very well here. It would pay a good company with a liberal repertoire of light comedy to come here. The best time for a visit would be during the months of April and May.

Another important building is the Tientsin Club. Visitors are permitted to use this Club for a certain period on being introduced by a member.

In the Extra Concession there is a large recreation ground, where Tennis, Cricket, Football, Hockey and kindred games are held in season. There is also a first class public school for girls and boys, and a swimming bath. The Stores and Hongs are all buildings of a nature that would not disgrace any capital of Europe. A lung for the town is provided in the beautifully laid out Victoria Park, which is immediately opposite the *Astor House Hotel.* Therein the military bands at regular intervals give open air concerts which are attended by all Tientsin. On the South East corner, erected on an ornamental basement, the visitor will observe a giant bell, on the outside of which are engraved numerous Chinese Characters recording the fact that it was presented to the chinese authorities by the Krupp Iron Works. It was formerly at the Haikwan Hsu or West Arsenal from whence it was removed in 1900 and handed over to the British Municipal Council, and is now used as a fire alarm. It is interesting to learn that the outbreak of fires are dealt with by Volunteer Brigades, the British Brigade's headquarters being under the Gordon Hall, and a casual visit will be sufficient to show that the appliances are well up to date.

The Astor House Hotel. To pass away from the British Concession without mentioning this well known first class hotel, would not be justice to our readers. That Tientsin can support such an up to date hotel is also further proof of the stability of the town and a testimony to its right to claim at least the second position of importance in China. The *Astor House Hotel* contains every convenience, such as are looked for in the highest class hotels of America and the European Continent. The handsome dining room is one of the largest in the Far East and absolutely unrivalled. It has accommodation for over 300 people. The cuisine and wines are made a speciality of, and receive the undivided attention of first class European connoisseurs, under whose personal supervision these important departments come. The Cold Storage for market provisions, is a main factor in supplying guests with clean and healthy food and they are open at any time for inspection. The Hotel is lighted throughout with electricity and electric fans are provided in place of the old fashioned punkah. The Hotel has its own electric plant. The steam heating apparatus is immensely appreciated by everybody during the cold weather. The sanitary arrangements are positively unrivalled in the Orient. The Hotel has its own farm for dairy produce which is run on model lines.



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BREAKFAST ROOM.

The French Concession

leads on from the British. This concession has since the outbreak of 1900 made great strides and is a keen rival of the British. It is adorned with several fine business houses, noticeable for good architecture. The electric tramway, traverses part this concession.

The Japanese Concession

comes next in order. Here most of the houses are built in foreign style and the concession is well worth a visit to see the Japanese advancement in North China.

American visitors will be interested in the "Liscum Monument" which was erected on the spot where General Liscum fell at the time of the taking of the Native City during the Boxer rising in 1900.

There remains the Italian and Austrian Concessions which follow in the order named the Russian Concession on the opposite side of the river, but are at time of writing not much developed.

Native City

The Tientsin Native City, which was under an International Government after the troubles of 1900, was greatly improved during its regime. The big walls which surrounded the city were pulled down

and wide roads made in their place. The area of the city was extended, and the conjestion, filth, and squalor done away with. Waterworks were built (which should be visited); and roads were macadamised, for which steam rollers, and water-carts were introduced, and are now no novelty in the city. The main result of all this is good health. Foreigners can now pay a visit to a Chinese town without undergoing the penalties which are only too well known in other native cities, and thoroughly enjoy their visit.

The chief objects of interest are, the two iron bridges, which cross the Peiho and the Grand Canal respectively. The new police quarters, and government building, erected on foreign plans, the Tutung Yamen, the Ku-Lou or Drum Tower, the new Chinese Government Mint, and the Viceroy's Palace.

The temples of chief interest to foreigners are the Tien-Now-Kung, or Temple to the Queen of Heaven; Yu-Huang-Ko, or Temple of the Emperor of Heaven; the Mohammedan Mosque, and the Confucian Temple.

Several handsome tea houses are worth visiting, and there are always some Sing-Song Houses or theatres with travelling companies performing. The carpet manufactories will prove an interesting sight, as are also the samshu distilleries, and the black fort or *Shui-shi-ying*

An electric tramway traverses all four sides of the city where the wall was formerly and this is a very pleasant means of seeing native life as it is in China. During this tour one will notice the fortune tellers, conjurors and small pedlars, all very interesting.

One thing which travellers should not fail to visit, is the *Industrial* School. It was organized by H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai, and the direction for reaching it will be found in this guide under the heading—Drives. There are several rooms in this building in which can be seen the making of Porcelain, Silk Embroidery, Cloth, Silk, Carpets, Furniture and several other things. Visitors receive the utmost courtesy and the institute is most interesting. A room is set aside for the exhibition of the manufactured articles, which may be purchased, but one is perfectly free from being pressed to do so. This school is quite a separate affair from the *Industrial Institute.* In the Industrial Institute are exhibited specimens of every manufacture of art in China and here also purchases may be made, but there is no work carried on in the premises.

Clubs.

MASONIC.

There are two Lodges under the English Constitution, *The Union* and *Coronation* Lodges.

The former meet every third Thursday of the month. There is also the *Peihé Lodge* under the constitution of Massachusetts. Visiting brethren are always fraternally welcomed. The Coronation Lodge meets on the second Tuesday of the month. During the summer the lodges go into recess.

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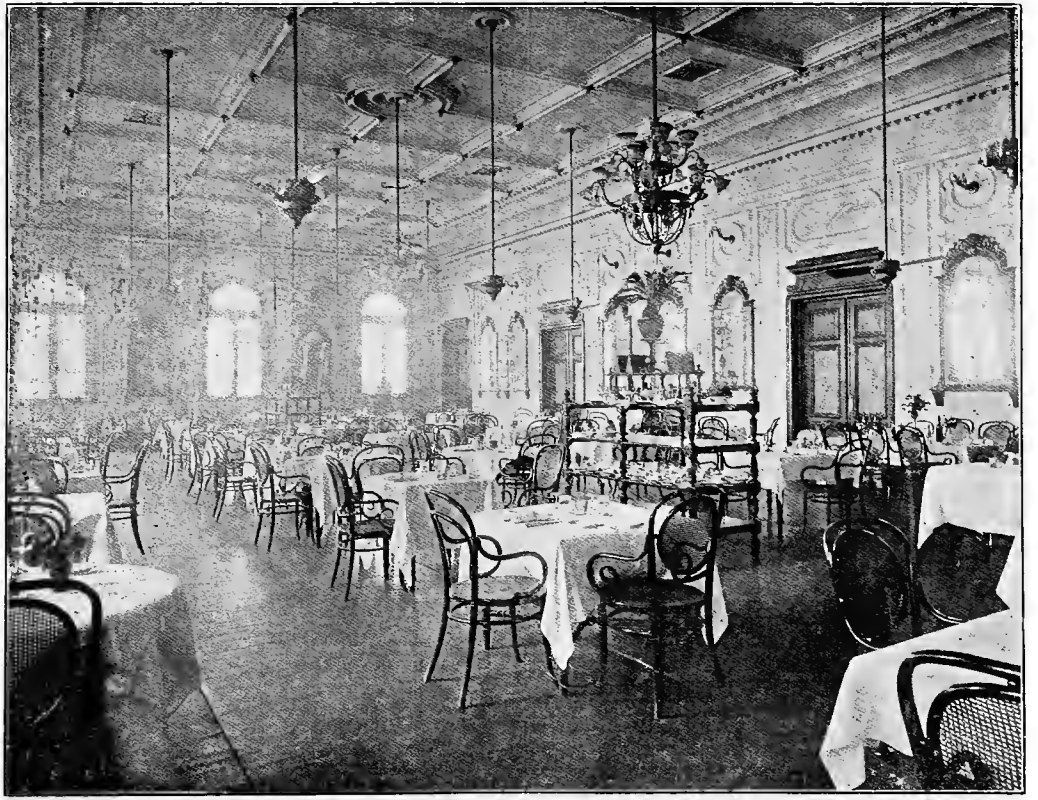
Tientsin Club or English Club, and the Club Concordia, or German Club. Visiting members can be introduced by a member of either club.

The Circle d'Escrime is a French Club and is both social and sporting.

The Chinese Custom's House Staff have their own club.

Race Club:—This club holds two meetings annually. On both occasions there are three successive days racing of nine races a day for China Ponies. Non Selling and Selling Sweeps, Cash Sweeps, a Pari-Mutuel and Totalisator are the forms of betting used. The Spring Meeting is in Mid-May, the Autumn Meeting early in November. The training season lasts for about two months and causes considerable interest.

Cricket, Football, Hockey (Ladies and Gentlemen), Tennis and all kindred sports are well patronized.



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DINING ROOM.

There is also a Junior German Club at the time of writing. There is some idea of forming a Club under the auspices of the Tientsin Temperance Association.

DRIVES.

There are two well supplied Livery stables. The chief drive is out to the Race Course, a distance of rather over two miles. Refreshments may be had in the magnificent grand stand, the property of the Race Club. There is also good driving right round the Chinese City. A nice long interesting drive is along the bunds of the French and Japanese Concessions, past the Austrian bridge which faces the Police Head quarters till the second iron bridge and then to cross this.

The Yamen just on the opposite side of the Iron bridge is a typical one and should be visited.

It was here that the Tientsin Provisional Government's offices were, when that remarkable international body had control of the native city. Proceeding down the road another bridge is reached. Again, immediately on the opposite side is the Yamen of the Viceroy of Chili Province, which is easy to recognise by the soldiers on guard outside. At certain times, for instance on the Emperor's or Empress' birthday, brilliant receptions are held, which are

attended by nearly the whole of the foreign population in Tientsin. To witness one of these functions is in itself a liberal education, the courtesy of the hosts being most thorough. The catering for these receptions is entrusted to the Astor House Hotel. Unless of course one is paying one's respects to the Viceroy personally this Yamen cannot be entered. Proceeding with the drive, the visitor will find himself on a broad, well built, thoroughfare, which is an example of what H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih Kai has done during his term of office. A new native city is rapidly springing up and in a manner quite foreign to old traditions. Many handsome private residences of European style and architecture will be noticed, most of which are the residences of high Chinese officials. Leather Tanneries and Woollen Mills, the result of private native enterprise, will be seen and may be visited. There is also the new mint for which permission can be obtained to visit, but this should be done before setting out, as those in charge have not authority to admit strangers. There is also a large military college, which is a handsome red building situated down a turning on the left side of the road, which cannot be overlooked. It is very near a characteristic Chinese wooden bridge which crosses the canal on the right side of the wide boulevard. Just beyond the Military

College will be found the *Industrial School* particulars of which most interesting place will be found in this guide under the heading *Native City.* This road terminates at the City Railway Station.

CHURCHES

All Saints' Church (Church of England) Corner of Meadows and Race Course Roads.
Union Church (Protestant) Near Recreation Ground.
St. Louis, Church, (Roman Catholic) Rue St. Louis.
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Tientsin

HISTORY 1858—1907.

1858.—Occupied by the Allied forces of Great Britain and France, and used as the base during the operations till 1861.

1870.—Massacre of French Sisters of Mercy, and other Foreigners on the 21st June.

1874.—From this year, to 1894, Tientsin, under Viceroy Li Hung Chang, steadily developed and was practically the place from which all the Foreign Policy of China emanated.

1894-1900.—The whole of North China during this time was continually fermenting with outbursts of ill feeling toward foreigners which in 1898 had reached such threatening proportions that the legations asked for military protection. This was obtained, each legation having guards of from 50 to 100 men, and in consequence of this prompt action on the part of the powers the trouble was momentarily put off. The railway opened in 1897.

1900.—This year marked the commencement of a new epoch not only for Tientsin but the whole of China. Early in the year, considerable unrest was caused amongst Europeans by the doings of a fanatical sect called the Boxers. These fanatics (in several cases encouraged by the highest officials), indulged in a form of ritual which they believed gave them the power of returning to life if killed in fighting against the *Foreign Devils*. Their belief rapidly spread and the distress caused amongst the country people owing to the extreme dryness of the early summer brought the sect many recruits.



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READING ROOM.

News came down from the interior giving details of the murder of several missionaries, and the brutalities of 1870 were repeated. Fugitives were continually arriving in Tientsin from the interior. The railway and telegraph were torn up and cut at the end of May and communication with Peking and Paotingfu severed Connection was soon restored but only lasted for a little while, when the Chinese troops made common cause with the Boxers. About this time several villages, where native Christians lived around Tientsin, were burnt by the Boxers. The flames lit up the processions of fanatics who were watched with anxious eyes by foreigners in the settlements, as they marched with fearful shouts and curses from one village to another. The critical point was reached when the allied navies captured the Taku Forts in the early morning of the 17th June. At 3 p.m.on 17th June the first shell was fired into the settlements. The fighting for which this first shot was the signal lasted until the 14th of July on which day the native city was taken. During this time, the fiercest fighting of the whole campaign took place, the allied forces losing in dead alone far over a thousand. *By some unaccountable mistake, the histories previously published of the trouble of 1900 do not give the fighting about Tientsin much prominence. Due credit should be given to the*

defenders of Tientsin, for, had Tientsin fallen, the legations in Peking would never have been saved. From the time of the taking of the Tientsin Native City very little resistance was made to the allied troops, and the second march on Peking was comparitively easy. Everyone admits that the Russians saved Tientsin.

1900-1907.—The new epoch above mentioned resulted in the formation of the Tientsin Provisional Government, an international Military and Civilian body who took over the management of the affairs of the native city, with the results which are best seen by a visit. Although during their term of office, time did not allow of the completion of all their work, the condition was laid down when the city was handed back to Chinese Government, that the uncompleted schemes, such as the tramway service and the new bridges should be carried into effect. All these promises and more have been religiously kept by the enlightened Viceroy, H. E. Yuan Shih Kai, who has carried on the good work in a highly satisfactory manner.

RAPID GUIDE TO NATIVE CITY.

The following are the Chinese characters for the different places indicated and are given in the order as they should be visited:—

玉	陳	考	實	習	收	工
			習		習	業
皇	列	工		藝		
			工		公	學
閣	館	藏	場	所	所	堂
Yu	Chun	Kao	Shih	Hsi	Show	Kung
Hwang	Hieh	Kung	Hsi	I	Hsi	Yeh
Kao	Kwan	Ch'ang	Kung	So	Hung	Hsueh
			Ch'ang		So	Tong

1.—Name of temple.
2.—Museum next to above temple.
3.—Industrial Museum.
4.—Manual Training Institute.
5.—Reformatory (West Maloo).
6.—Prison (South Maloo).
7.—Chihli Industrial College, Behind Methodist Chapel.

Bank Holidays.

The Foreign Banks and the General Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin will observe the following Holidays during, 1907:—

5 DAYS: *China New Year 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th February, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.*

3 DAYS: *Easter, 29th and 30th March, 1st April, Friday, Saturday, and Monday.*

1 DAY: *Whit Monday, 20th May.*

1 DAY: *Chinese Dragon Festival, 15th June, Saturday.*

2 DAYS: *Summer Holidays, 1st and 2nd July, Monday and Tuesday.*

2 DAYS: *Autumn Holidays, 5th and 6th August, Monday, and Tuesday.*

1 DAY: *Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, 23rd September, Monday.*

1 DAY: *Winter Holiday, 2nd December, Monday.*

2 DAYS: *Christmas, 25th and 26th December, Wednesday and Thursday.*

2 DAYS: *New Year, 1st and 2nd January, 1908, Wednesday and Thursday.*

1 DAY: *Russian New Year, 14th January, 1908, Tuesday.*

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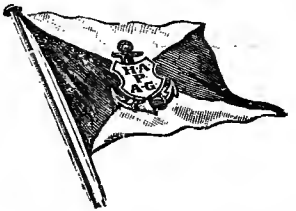
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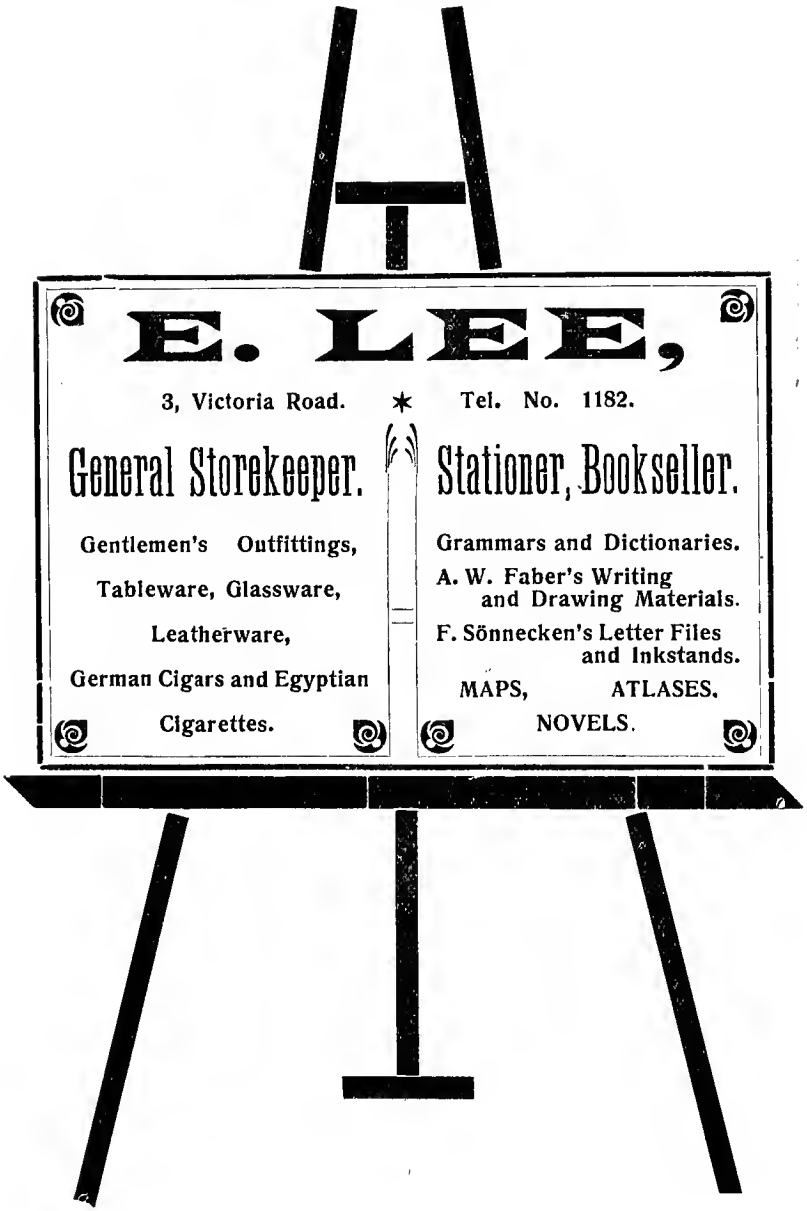
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